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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1914

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MR, US (OULD DADDAH, MARIEM)

SUBJECT: VISIT TO US BY WIFE OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 196678

1. PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY WIFE OF PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH IS APPARENTLY COMPLETELY PRIVATE MATTER BEING ARRANGED, ON US SIDE, BY OLD AND INTIMATE FRIEND OF FAMILY AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN. WE BELIEVE THAT VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF GIRM OFFICIALS HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER ABOUT PROPOSED TRIP. IF FACT, DETAILS ON TRIP MAY BE CONFINED TO PRESIDENT, MRS. OULD DADDAH AND AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN. ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS RECENTLY, FOREIGN MINISTER, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, PLUS DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR. SO FAR, NOT ONE WORD OF TRIP HAS BEEN MENTIONED TO FNHERE BY ANYONE IN GIRM. NOR DO WE EXPECT TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN RETURNS TO NOUAKCHOTT IN LATE AUGUST. MOREOVER, VIRTUALLY ENTIRE GIRM HIERARCHY HAS ALREADY DEPARTED FOR COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND STATE VISITS TO PAKISTAN AND INDIA, AND PROBABLY WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL AUGUST 25. THEREFORE, WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DETAILS FROM AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN.

2. AS VISIT APPEARS TO US TO BE ENTIRELY PRIVATE

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MATTER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE CU OR USG MONEY SHOULD BE

USED TO PAY FOR ANY PART OF TRIP. AT SAME TIME, WE
ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COURTESIES
AND VIP TREATMENT. FYI: AMBASSADOR HANDYSIDE TENTATIVELY
PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION SEPTEMBER
8 THROUGH 24 (NOUAKCHOTT 1910). END FYI.

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